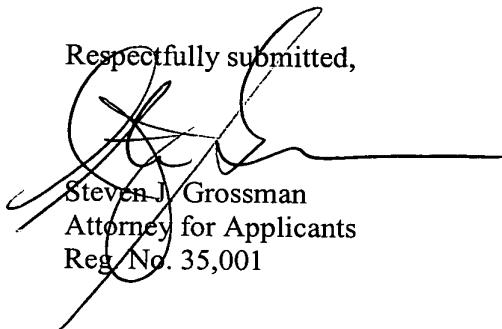


**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

The present amendment is made for the purpose of removing multiple dependencies and reference numerals to conform with U.S. practice.

Applicant respectfully requests that the foregoing amendments be entered before the examination of the present application, and before calculation of fees.

In the event the Examiner deems personal contact is necessary, please contact the undersigned attorney at (603) 668-6560.

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